Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Tahasildar.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎಸ್. ಶಂಕರಪ್ಪ.—ತಹಸೀಲ್ದಾರರು ತಿಪಾರನ್ನು ಮಾಡದೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ, ಅವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಏನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—In Hosadurg and Holalkere no tank went dry and so there was no question of granting remission. In respect of wet assessment, in Hosadurg, there was no water in some tanks for 3 months or one month or 1½ months. Subsequently those tanks have received water.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Is it not a fact that no wet crop was taken in Hosadurg Taluk in the year 1960-61 under the tanks ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—According to my information, there was wet crop taken.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—I come from Belagur. There is no water in the tank there and no wet crop has been taken for the last 10 years. Without restoration of the tank how can crop be taken ? Is it not a wrong report ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I will enquire into the matter.

REPAIRS TO TANKS IN BELGAUM TALUK.

*Q.—691. Sri N. O. SAMAJI (Belgaum II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of tanks in Belgaum Taluk ;

(*b*) the number of tanks repaired and under repairs ?

A.—Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) 243 including Bhandaras.

(*b*) Repaired : 30, Under Repairs : 14.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know as to how many of these tanks are private and how many are public tanks ?

† Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—That information is not before me.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know, in regard to tanks which have been breached or silted up, whether there is any set programme on behalf of the Government to repair them within a specific period ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—There cannot be any specific grant for these tanks. There is a lumpsum grant at the disposal of the Executive Engineer and he makes up a phased programme and takes up as many works as possible.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—My question is whether there is any definite programme, say two years or four years or even 10 years within which all the tanks will be repaired and made fit for irrigation ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—Sir, we have provided a definite amount in the Third Five-Year Plan and as and when the funds are made available and as when the projects get ready, we take them. For example, out of these tanks, we have mentioned that 30 tanks have been required and 14 are under progress and some more are to be taken up.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—That is not a proper answer. May I know whether there is any phased programme on behalf of the Government to repair all these tanks within a specific period?

†Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Well, Sir, the Government have got a sort of programme and as far as possible these breached tanks will be repaired. The Government have recently passed an order that with the consent of the local M.L.As and M.L.Cs and Taluk Board Members and Presidents, a top priority list should be prepared for each Taluk and as far as we can provide funds, on the basis of top priority list, works may be taken up. It may be five or ten years. We cannot exactly tell you definitely the period within which these tanks will be repaired. Anyway on the basis of phased programme, these works will be taken up and the top priority of works will be determined by the local representatives themselves at a meeting of the officials and non-officials.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether the Government is prepared to forgo the wet assessment levied on the lands just below these tanks so long as the tanks are not repaired and water is not available?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—That depends upon the report we receive from the Local Revenue Officers. If they make a report that crops are not raised under these tanks and a recommendation is accordingly made by the Deputy Commissioner or the concerned Revenue authorities, the question will be considered.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—The question is, that all these tanks or even more of them were taken up 100 years back and all of them are becoming useless. When the Government is recovering tax for water, how could the Government say that they will take 8 years or 10 years for repairing them?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I do not say that all these silted up tanks should be repaired or will be repaired, for there is a time-limit or age-limit. There is no good giving injection to a man who is on the death-bed. Like that, it may not be possible to repair all the silted-up tanks. Such of these tanks as can be repaired will be attended to and such tanks which cannot be repaired will be abandoned and new sites must be found for them.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—You were pleased to tell us that there will be a priority list prepared by non-officials and officials and the works will be executed within about one year, two years, three years or five years. Will the Government assure this House that they are not going to take up fresh works other than the works included in the priority list?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Taking up fresh works is quite different from taking up repairs to breached tanks. There will be a certain amount allotted for the repairs of tanks, certain amount will be allotted for fresh works. According to the provision in the budget all works will be taken up.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—So far as these silted up tanks are concerned, the beds of these tanks have been leased by Government to some persons and those persons or other persons interested in them are coming in the way of de-silting these tanks. May I know whether this fact is brought to the notice of Government ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The question of de-silting of tanks is not by experience found to be very successful. Therefore, there is no question of de-silting the tanks. The only thing is, in certain cases we can raise the waste-weir and see that it is made use of by storing water. Otherwise, tanks beds will be abandoned and given away for cultivation and new sites will be found, wherever possible.

POLICE FIRING AT HUVINAHADAGALLI IN BELLARY DISTRICT.

*Q.—758. Sri M. M. PATEEL (Hadagalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that very recently in the month of May, 1961, Police resorted to firing at Huvinahadagalli in Bellary District ;

(*b*) if so, under what circumstances the firing took place ;

(*c*) the number of deaths and injuries in that firing ;

(*d*) the persons responsible for this occurrence ;

(*e*) the action that has been taken so far by the Government in this connection ?

*A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Home).—

(*a*) The Police resorted to firing on 26th April, 1961 at this village.

(*b*) During the Jatra of Uramma on 26th April 1961 at Huvinahadagalli, the Police Inspector came to know that a buffalo had been slaughtered and its head brought near the temple, in spite of his attempts to prevent the unlawful slaughter. When the Police Inspector seized the head of the buffalo and was removing it to the Police Station there was great opposition from a mob of three to four thousand people and stones were pelted on the police party. The Police opened fire.

(*c*) Died—2. Injured—12. (Including six Policemen).

(*d*) The rioters were responsible for this occurrence.